

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 11/03/2016

Deadline for Appeal: 12/03/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit, for the **Goldfield Project**, for post-closure monitoring of a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0060027** (Permit) is:

Decommissioning Services LLC
7950 Security Circle
Reno, NV 89506

The facility is located on public and private land in Esmeralda County, within Sections 25, 35, and 36, Township 2 South (T2S), Range 42 East (R42E); Sections 19 and 20, T2S, R43E; and Sections 1 and 2, T3S, R42E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately one-half mile north of the town of Goldfield.

The Project is in post-closure monitoring, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.446. The facility consists of a heap leach pad, three open pits, one backfilled pit, one waste rock dump, two evaporation cells, and associated structures and roads. Mining operations and all closure activities have been completed; post-closure monitoring of the site has been ongoing since October 2002. Facilities are required to be closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewed Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to NAC 445A.403, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal, no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date **3 December 2016**) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249

All comments, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding the Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Karl W. McCrea at (775) 687-9407 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm>.